GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA

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LIGNITE RESERVES
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the State -wise details of lignite blocks alongwith total reserves of coal in the country;

(b) whether the Government has decided to allocate lignite block to private companies for mining;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has formulated any policy in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO)

(a) : The statewise details of lignite blocks alongwith total reserves of lignite in the country are as under :-

State	No. of blocks explored	Gross Reserve in Million tonnes
Tamilnadu	20	29458.03
Rajasthan	36	2292.06
Gujarat	22	1747.25
Jammu & Kashmir	1	20.25
Kerala	2	10.80
Total	81	33528.39

As regards coal, a cumulative total of 245.69 billion tonnes of coal resources have been estimated in the country as on 01.01.2004.

(b) to (e): Lignite is a form of coal and therefore coal includes lignite. The captive mining policy being pursued in case of coal is equally applicable to lignite. So far one lignite block has been allocated to a private company under this policy.